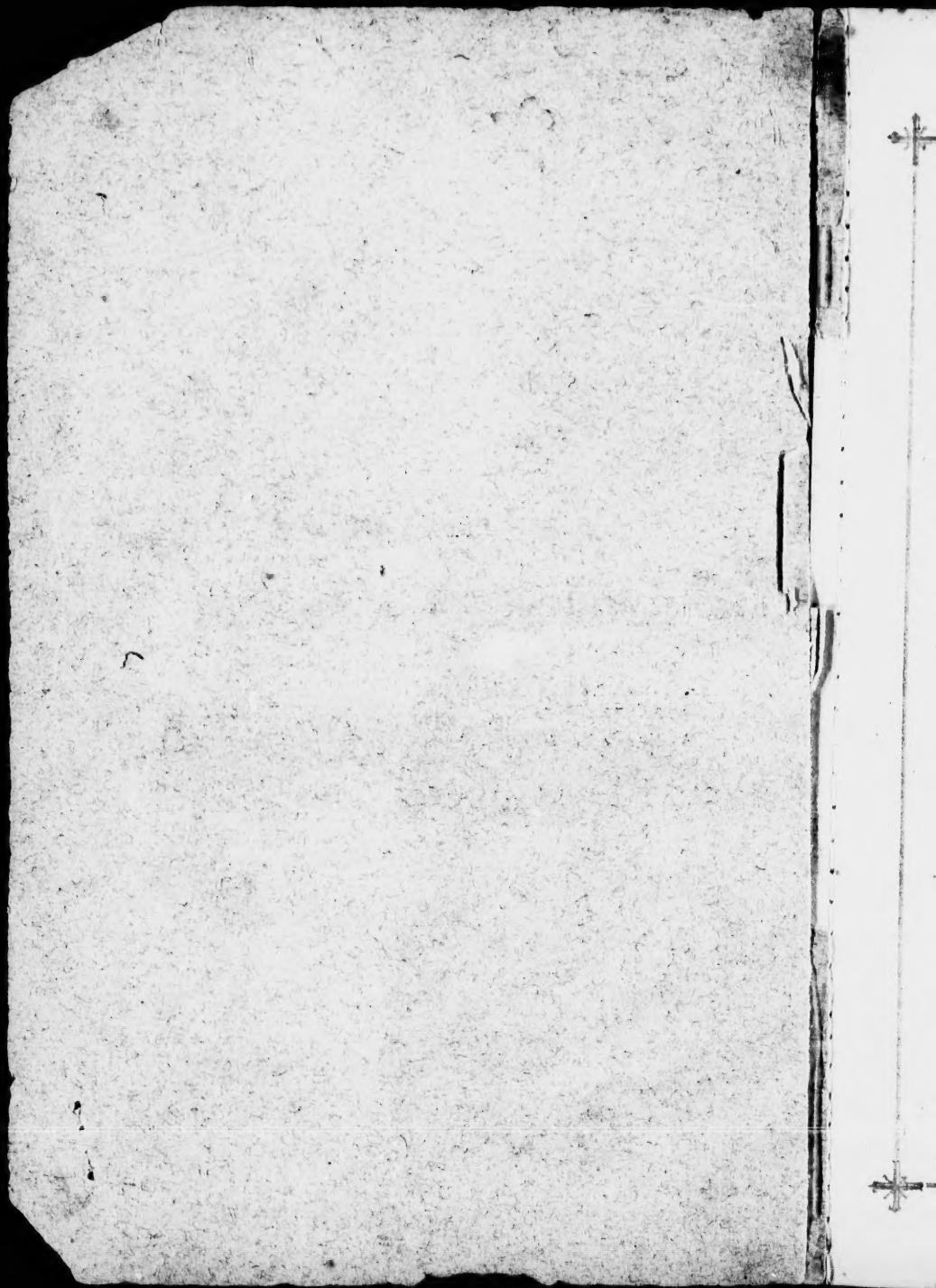


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## ➤\*JUBILEE+SERVICES.\*◀

The following, chiefly from the *Messenger and Visitor*, of April 27th, 1887, indicates the character of the Jubilee services:

The usually quiet village of Hebron presented an appearance of unwonted activity on Friday, the 15th inst., being the occasion on which the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the Hebron Baptist church was celebrated. The weather being exceptionally fine, long before the hour of opening crowds of visitors from every part of the county filled the large audience room of the church to its utmost. The church itself was beautifully and tastefully decorated; garlands of evergreen were suspended from the ceiling and fastened at intervals along the sides of the gallery. Appropriate mottoes in evergreen on a white ground adorned the walls. On one side, in large letters, were the words, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and on the opposite side, "In God we trust for future blessing." Behind the pulpit, in gilt letters on a red ground, surrounded with trailing banners, were the words, "Welcome to our Jubilee." The pulpit itself was almost entirely hidden from view by a beautiful collection of flowers and flowering plants, very tastefully arranged. In front of the pulpit, and in full view of the audience, was a fine portrait of Rev. Harris Harding, the first pastor of the church.

The exercises were begun at 10 o'clock with an opening prayer by Rev. T. A. Blackadar, a former member of Hebron church, after which the choir sang with fine effect Toplady's well-known hymn, "The Year of Jubilee." The pastor then spoke a few appropriate words, extended a cordial welcome to all the visitors. Then followed an historical sketch of the church, written by Deacon James Crosby. This was an interesting and valuable paper, filled with important facts, not only in relation to Hebron church, but the Baptist cause in the county. Then followed the Jubilee Hymn, written for the occasion by Rev. J. Clark, of Nictaux.

## JUBILEE HYMN.

L. M.

With sacred awe, great God! we bow  
Before Thy glory-beaming throne;  
How good, how wise, how kind art Thou!  
And endless years are all Thine own.

Our fathers oft have worshipped here,  
With holy joy and trustful love;  
They kept the faith through many a year,  
Then passed to realms of light above.

The cause for which they prayed and wrought,  
Is dear to us and dear to Thee;  
In all things they Thy glory sought,  
And we, like them, would faithful be.

With all Thy gifts, grant, Lord! we pray,  
The heart that longs to do Thy will;  
And may we each, in this our day,  
With joyful haste our tasks fulfil.

Extend Thy work; save young and old;  
Set every sin-bound captive free;  
And thus increase a thousand fold  
The joy that crowns our Jubilee.

After this reports were read from the children and grandchildren, viz., Deerfield, Beaver River, Lake George, Ohio, Forest Glen, and Carleton churches, describing their past and present condition, and their continued interest in, and attachment for, the mother church. Greetings were also presented from sister churches in which the mutual sympathy and interdependence of the various churches were dwelt upon, and Hebron congratulated upon her growth and liberality.

The old members were then called upon for reminiscences of the first 25 years of the history of the church. Many an incident was thus recalled that brought tears to the eyes of both old and young. Names were mentioned of those whose memory are still fragrant, but whose seats were vacant on this occasion.

The afternoon session opened with prayer and the singing of appropriate selections by the choir. Rev. J. B. Woodland, Pastor of Temple Church then delivered an address, entitled, "The Baptists in the world during the last fifty years." This paper was replete with invigorating thought. It told the story of Baptist's trials and troubles, and their loyalty to principles and its conse-

quences in the old land and the new. It was strong and fearless in its advocacy of our denominational views, and no doubt helped to brace up the convictions of the faltering.

Rev. Mr. Cohoon, the pastor, read a paper on "The Baptist denomination in the Maritime provinces as it was fifty years ago, and as it is to-day." From a small and scattered denomination, with churches few and feeble, with little or no organization it has grown into a strong, organized and aggressive body. One hundred and twenty seven years ago there was only one Baptist in the Maritime Provinces. One hundred and nine years ago the first church was established at Horton, Kings county. In 1810 there were 13 churches in the Provinces, with 924 members, and a few other churches that had withdrawn from the Association on account of its having adopted Scriptural Communion. Fifty years ago i. e. 1837, there were two Associations having 106 associated Churches, 63 being in N. S. and 42 in N. B., with a membership of 7683, of whom 5328 were in N. S. and 2355 in N. B. These were served by 55 ministers, 37 in N. S. and 18 in N. B.

Now there are 8 Associations having 357 Churches with an aggregate membership of 43,463 and the ministers have increased to 225

In Yarmouth Co. there were 2 Churches with 500 members where there are now 16 Churches with 2,978 members.

In 1837 we had not begun to aid in the Foreign Mission work and the expenditure for Home Missions only amounted to \$1422.27. The expenditure of last year was \$7812.97 for Foreign Missions and \$8240.20 for Home Missions.

Fifty years ago we had no College but were just entering upon educational work, having an Academy with two teachers, and 26 boarders at Wolfville and another with three Teachers and an attendance of 70 including day pupils at Fredericton. Now we have a college with six Professors and an enrolled attendance of 91, a well equipped Academy and Ladies Seminary with an attendance of 90 at the former and 74 at the latter, with a property and endowment of \$178,206.00

One of Acadia's boys is now acknowledged to be one of the ablest professors in Cornell. Harvard, in all her history, has only bestowed three doctorates in philosophy, and one of these was carried off by a son of Acadia. Many others are filling responsible and exalted positions in every part of the world.

Rev. H. F. Adams pastor of 1st church gave a paper showing why the Baptist principle should be upheld and extended. It presented and defended the old landmarks with a courage and vigour born of strong conviction.



Rev. J. I. DeWolf, pastor of Beaver River, delivered a stirring address on how the membership of to-day could assist in making a glad centennial. (1) By consistency of life and principal, and (2) by inculcating their principles upon their children.

In the evening there assembled the largest audience of the day. The praise service of fifteen minutes was much enjoyed. Rev. H. N. Parry of Ohio, then delivered a thoughtful address on "The Church the Light-Bearer." He described the nature and properties of light, and the manner in which the figure might be applied to the church. The church herself was not light, but the bearer of the light.

Letters were then read from four of the old pastors of the church and a number of absent members. These were filled with kind and encouraging words and facts showing that the influence of the Hebron church was not merely local; for men and women trained under her care were occupying positions of trust and honor in other lands.

Rev. J. A. Ford, pastor of Milton, gave an address on "Our Young Church Members: their opportunities and obligations." He showed (1) that the church and the members had mutual claims the one upon the other; (2) that opportunities, small and great, had their place in the development of character; (3) that the young church member was under obligation to make the most and best of himself, to react on his surroundings and have his conduct grounded on principal.

A poem composed especially for the occasion was then read by Miss Aggie Chipman, one of the members, which we hope will be given to your readers at an early day.

The opening of the jubilee offering-boxes and the reading of mottoes, was an interesting part of the exercise. Nearly \$150 was collected in this way.

The singing was an exceedingly attractive feature of the occasion. Besides the fine anthems and other selections rendered by the regular choir under the efficient leadership of Mr. Thomas Hall, the Old Folks Choir led by Mr. Joseph N. Crosby favored the audience with many an excellent selections of old time music.

Besides those above named the following pastors were present and took part in the services viz: Rev. J. E. Bill, jr., of Chegoggin, A. Cogswell of Lake George, J. H. Hughes of Arcadia, and J. D. Skinner of Arzyle.

The entire celebration was regarded by all present as a complete success, and will tend to bind together more closely the Baptists of the county in the bonds of common faith and brotherhood.



# HISTORICAL SKETCH

## FOR THE PERIOD OF

# FIFTY YEARS,

From A. D. 1837 to A. D. 1887.

BY

DEA. JAMES CROSBY.

Fifty years ago to-day, i. e. April 15th, 1837, one hundred and twenty three members of the First Yarmouth Baptist Church in Yarmouth, who at their own request, and by the unanimous resolve of the church were dismissed for that purpose on the 1st day of April, 1837, met in this house, and were organized into a separate church, to be called the Second Baptist Church of Yarmouth; the limits of which were stated to include both sides of the Second Pond, from the Narrows Bridge: also to include Beaver River, Ohio, and Lake George Settlements. The services were performed by Elders Harris Harding and William Burton and Deacon Amos Baker. It was voted that the same Deacons that had served this part of the 1st Church, viz: John Patten, William Crosby, John Sanders and Jonathan Raymond be the Deacons, and that Bro. Wm. Harris be clerk, and Bro. John Sanders Ass't Clerk with an understanding that one half of Elder Harris Harding's Pastoral labors are to be enjoyed by them as heretofore. On the first Saturday in June of this year eighteen additional members were received on letter from the First Church. The Association was held this year at Yarmouth at which "Our Messengers presented our Letter and we were received by unanimous vote as one of the Churches comprising the Nova Scotia Baptist Association, and our Messengers took their seats in Council accordingly." In the records of the July Conference mention is made of Elders Anthony V. Dimock, and Wellington Jackson being present; and at a special meeting held on the 22nd of that month they, with a Bro. Spinney, a licentiate from Aylesford, were present at the meeting; of which it is said "we had a truly refreshing season from the presence of the Lord" two, one a colored sister, were received for membership and on the following Sabbath baptized by Elder Jackson and received into membership of the church.

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These were "the first fruits of" a great ingathering the result of a gracious and powerful revival which followed; continuing nearly to the close of the year; during which eighty-nine were added to the church by baptism, one by experience, and several were received on letters of dismission from the Mother Church, so that on the 1st of January 1838 the church must have had a membership of nearly two hundred and fifty, of the one hundred and twenty-three who united with the church at its organization; five are still living in its membership viz: Bro. Samuel Porter and Sisters Jonathan Patten, J. VanNorden, Hannah Rose and C. Strickland; and nine others still survive most of them members of neighboring Churches; and of the eighty-nine who were gathered to the church in its first great revival; five only are living in its membership on this its fiftieth anniversary; though several others are still living most of whom are members of other Baptist churches. Among incidents in this—the first year of the History of our Church, we notice that the method adopted for the support of the Pastor was by voluntary assessment as we find from the Minutes of a special meeting held on May 27th, 1837, that it was left to the church and congregation to be taxed according to their own valuation, or give their support by donation; when nearly all present agreed to the former: and again, at a meeting held in the B. River Section of the following year, the same principle was adopted by unanimous vote. For several months during the great revival the pastor was aided by Elders A. V. Dimock and Wellington Jackson, with the occasional services of the Rev. William Burton.

In February, 1838, the church voted to extend an invitation to the Rev. A. V. Dimock for one year as co-pastor with Father Harding. Elder Dimock was not in a position immediately to respond, but intimated his readiness to do so at the termination of existing engagements; for which the church agreed to wait, and he commenced his labours with us in August of that year. The church during this time shared in the labours of Rev. William Burton whether by way of exchange or otherwise does not clearly appear. There were but few additions by Baptism, or otherwise, in 1838 but the regular work of the church was vigorously prosecuted, and the condition of the destitute and perishing, in our own, and other lands was not forgotten, as a monthly missionary meeting was established called a "monthly missionary concert for prayer."

In the matter of prompt and faithful discipline too, our fathers were not remiss; labouring with, reproving, and where these measures failed, excluding from their fellowship such members as walked disorderly. There were a few additions to the church by baptism during the year 1839, but no special revival. Two additional Deacons were appointed—Bro. Caleb Cook for this section of the church and Bro. Samuel Crosby for the B. River Section.

The amount collected, and forwarded to the Association, for Missions and printing minutes was £6 8.8. We find also in the record of the July conference for that year a motion that the church and congregation do meet on the 25th inst. to carry into effect a Resolution passed at the Association for the support of the Baptist Seminary at Horton; which meeting was held and it is stated "that after an appropriate address by Elder Burton, nearly all present subscribed to the object of the meeting."

The years 1840 and 1841 were characterized by nothing special. Eleven were baptized and a few added by letters. The following year, 1842, was marked by a revival of great power, during which fifty-six were added to the Church by baptism. For weeks together, and that in the busiest season of the year meetings were held, which were thronged with interested worshippers where the cry for mercy of the unsaved were mingled with the glad shout of those who had found peace in believing. Even the forests resounded with the voice of prayer and praise.

The writer well remembers this season. The Pastors were assisted in their work by the Rev. William Burton, Rev. James Lent, of Tusket, and Rev. Charles Randall, of Sissiboo, (now Weymouth). In 1843 the Association was held with this church. The attendance was large, 1200 were reported as being added to the churches comprising the N. Scotia Baptist Association during the year. It is spoken of "as being a season of deep interest," a goodly number of the venerable fathers in the ministry whose praise is in all the churches were present. Many of the churches represented had been blessed with large additions the previous year. At the May Conference this year, 1840, a number of the members living in Carleton and vicinity were granted their dismission from this church to form a separate church to be called the Third Yarmouth Church, and a delegation was sent by us to assist in its organization.

Towards the close of the year dissensions began, followed by a season of great trial. Copying from the record of July 18th, 1846: "From April 17th, 1844, this church has been called to pass through a scene of trials that has not often fallen to the lot of any body of christian people. The cause of our trouble it is needless to name but it has been of that nature that it broke up the fellowship of the church and caused Elder A. V. Dimock, our co-pastor, to ask for his dismission, which was granted him. All the attempts we have made to restore union for more than two years have proved useless; so that from the date referred to, up to the present time, no conference meetings have been held, and no records of the church kept." At a meeting called at the latter date, the object of which was to agree upon calling a council from sister churches for the settlement of existing difficulties; we are informed. "That we hope, and trust that the Lord broke the cloud that for so long has hung over the church, and it seemed

that union was restored, in a good degree almost instantly, we have no hesitation in saying it was a time of refreshing from the presence of the Lord. The trials we have passed through we hope the shades of oblivion may be drawn over forever." During this period the Pastor, Rev. A. V. Dimock tendered his resignation which was accepted. At the conference Aug. 8th, 1846, it is recorded "That after a long wintry season we trust there is a prospect of better days. At the same meeting, also, a request was made by the B. River Section to be set off as a separate church which was granted, and on the 22nd of that month, thirty-three of the Brethren and Sisters residing in that section were organized into a Fourth Baptist Church of Yarmouth embracing the Articles of the N. Scotia Baptist Association and received their charge by Father Harding.

Nothing worthy of note marks our history during the year 1847. The church was without Pastoral labour except what Father Harding with his weight of years and failing health could give, but the regular meetings were kept up and a good degree of harmony existed. In September 1848 the Rev. James Reid became our Pastor.

In January, 1849, twenty members of the church were dismissed to form a Fifth Yarmouth Church; the Lake George Church. The closing months of this year and the early part of the following year 1850 were marked by a powerful work of Grace, as the result of which Ninety-five were added to the church by baptism. This was the last year of the existence of the Nova Scotia Baptist Association. At Nictaux, where it was held for the last time, it was divided into the three as now existing. This Church sent as its delegates the Pastor, Elder Reid, and Brothers Nathaniel Powers, and John Tedford; who were instructed by the Church to vote for this division.

In 1851 a difficulty with regard to singing began which was the cause of much vexation and the means of estranging some from the fellowship of the church. There were but few additions to church in this and the following year 1852. On September the 10th, 1852, the Pastor, Rev. James Reid tendered his resignation of the pastorate which was accepted; and at the same meeting thirty-six members living at Ohio and vicinity requested dismission to form a separate church which was granted by unanimous vote. The church was thus again left without a Pastor except Father Harding who was now quite infirm. In February 1853, an invitation was extended to W. G. Goucher, a licentiate to labour with us for two months with a view to settlement. This invitation was accepted and Bro. Goucher came with us in March and on April 20th was called to the Pastorate in connection with the West Yarmouth Church. On May 11th, Bro. Goucher was ordained in this House by a Council of Delegates from the following Churches, i. e. 1st Yarmouth, West Yarmouth, South Yar-

mouth, Ohio, Lake George, Sissiboo, Clements and Carleton, N. B.

On March 7th, 1854, our venerable Father in the Gospel Rev. Harris Harding who had retained his connexion with this church as its head Pastor from its organization was called to his reward in his 93rd year. His funeral took place on the 11th. A sermon was preached on the occasion at the Old Baptist Meeting House by the Rev. John Davis, from the words, "I have waited for thy Salvation O Lord."

At the April Conference of this year Bro. William Harris who had faithfully and efficiently served the church as its clerk from its formation tendered his resignation of the office on the plea of age and Bro. J. W. Crosby was appointed in his place. Also at the same meeting Brethren Joseph Rogers and John Tedford were elected Deacons. Ten were added to the church by baptism during the year. A thorough revision of the membership of the church was undertaken resulting in the exclusion of thirty-one who could not be won back to the fellowship of the church.

In 1855 the church sustained a great loss in the removal by death on the 11th of Feb'y. of Deacon John Sanders, a good man, full of faith and courage. Bro. Sanders was a man of more than ordinary ability, and one whose counsel in times of difficulty had much weight with his brethren. This was also a year of large ingathering. In March special services were commenced in which the pastor was aided to some extent by ministering brethren from neighbouring churches. A gracious revival was the result; forty-one were baptized and several were restored to the church. In March, 1856, Dea. John Tedford of precious memory was called suddenly to his reward. He was set apart to the office of a Deacon in July 1854, the duties of which office he faithfully discharged. Many of the older members of the church will remember the fervent prayers and stirring exhortations of our brother. 1857 was a year of trial, one of the dark years in our history.—The causes of difficulty we prefer not here to chronicle. No additions were made by baptism. The pastor, Elder Goucher, tendered his resignation at the May Conference. At the Conference of March 14th our esteemed brother, Jos. H. Sanders spoke of the impressions he had of its being his duty to give himself to the work of the Christian Ministry and submitted his case to the church. It was Resolved that the Church encourage him to do so, and our Bro. was subsequently granted license to preach the gospel. The present Clerk was appointed in April of this year. After the resignation of the pastorate by Elder Goucher overtures were made to several ministers to become our pastor but none were successful until 1858. Early in this year the Rev. E. N. Harris became our pastor, his pastorate continuing for three years, for a part of the time in connection with the West Yarmouth Church. During the first two years of Bro. Harris's pastorate upwards of fifty were added by baptism. Our Bro. T. A. Black-

adar was granted license to preach the gospel in 1859. In December of this year owing to the age and infirmity of several of the Deacons it was deemed advisable to elect others, accordingly Brethren C. Strickland, Henry Sanders and Nath'l Patten were chosen.

The year 1860 was another apparently fruitless year. The church had to grapple with serious difficulties.

The Rev. William Burton became the pastor in July, 1861, his services being shared with the West Yarmouth Church, the church at that time not feeling able to secure the entire services of a Pastor. There were no additions during the year. In December 1862 the Rev. R. D. Porter assumed the pastorate, the church having previously decided that we needed the entire services of a pastor, and could if we made the effort, support one. As if in token of God's approval of this decision to attempt greater things for him, a powerful work of grace followed the induction of Elder Porter to the pastorate. At the regular January Conference 1873, the first Conference of the church at which Bro. Porter presided two persons were received for Church membership, the first fruits of a large addition to our number, for during the next few months about forty were baptized, quite a number of wandering ones restored, and the church throughout quickened and blessed. On the 30th of October of this year Deacon Joseph Rogers, another pillar of this church, was unexpectedly removed by death. Bro. Rogers united with this church by letter from the first church and was ever a consistent and active member. On the 16th of July, 1854, he was set apart to the office of a Deacon the duties of which office he faithfully discharged to the end. He was one who "used the Office of a Deacon well, thus purchasing to himself a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus." As some of the Deacons had become old and infirm and others had been removed by death it was thought needful to appoint others; accordingly on Dec. 27th, Brethren Wm. Durkee, W. R. Doty and Jas. Crosby were set apart to this office.

No additions were made by baptism either in 1864 or 1865. In May 1865 we were deprived of the labors and counsels of another aged and esteemed brother Deacon Caleb Cook by his removal to Tusket. Bro. Cook was always found at the front, and ready to "every good word and work." Another valued and useful brother William Harris the first clerk of the church, one of the faithful ones was also "gathered home" in May of this year. The years 1865 and 1866 are memorable from the large number of aged members veterans in the cause removed by death. In May 1866 our venerable and beloved Senior Deacon John Patten entered into rest. He was one who used the office of a Deacon well and served the church faithfully. Thirty-four were added by baptism in 1866. In the latter part of this year difficulties arose prin-

cipally between the Pastor and Bro. W. G. Goucher which led to the resignation of the Pastor Elder Porter. The church was without a Pastor for the first half of 1867, efforts to secure Pastoral labour having proved fruitless but in July he services of the Rev. R. R. Philp were secured who subsequently became our Pastor serving us in that capacity for a short period. Bro. C. Myers a student of Acadia laboured with us from June till September 1868. No additions this year. In October 1868 an invitation to the pastorate was extended to Rev. John Rowe who soon after became our Pastor. There were six added by baptism in 1869. The Association was held with us this year in September, the time of meeting of that body having been changed at its last session. In July of this year another standard bearer Deacon Henry Sanders was taken from us, to the church triumphant after a lingering and distressing illness.

The years 1870 and 1871 were years of spiritual dearth, there were but three baptisms in the former and none in the latter year.

1872 was another noted year in our history. The early part of the year was marked by a rich outpouring of God's Holy Spirit upon us. On the 14th of January four professed Christ by baptism; on the 21st twenty-five; on the 28th thirty-two; on the 4th of February nine; on the 11th five; on the 18th eight, and on March 9th two, in all eighty-five. The Pastor's health gave way almost at the commencement, but pastors of neighbouring churches came to his aid. Bro. Parker, of West Yarmouth, Bro. J. H. Sanders of Ohio, and others, and the good work went on without interruption. Conference meetings were held every Saturday for two months and special meetings were kept up during the most of this period. Deacon William Crosby, the only survivor of the early Deacons of the Church, and among the last of the fathers was called home in April of this year full of years having faithfully served the church from its organization until prevented by age and infirmity.

Three new Deacons were elected at the May Conference, Brethren John Rose, Joseph Sanders and Stephen Patten. This revival was followed by another season of declension. The love of many waxed cold and there were no additions in 1873 or '74.

On the 12th of August, 1873, Bro. George Churchill, a member of this Church, who had been appointed to the work of Foreign Missions by the Board of our Convention was ordained in this house, to the work of the Christian ministry. The Churches of the County were largely represented on the Council. Dr. Day preached the ordination sermon from Mark 14:9. The entire service was deeply interesting. After the ordination, the pastor, Rev. J. Rowe, on behalf of some of the members of the Church presented to Bro. Churchill "Dr. Hodge's Systematic Theology," in three vols and two other valuable books. The meeting was



then addressed by Brethren Churchill and R. Sanford, also missionary elect on the claims of Foreign Missions. A collection amounting to \$220.00 towards Bro. Churchill's outfit was taken at the meeting and was afterward increased to \$250.00.

In November 1874 the pastoral relations with Elder Rowe were terminated.

In January 1875 the Church being without a Pastor, invited Bro. R. D. Burgess, a licentiate and student of Acadia, to spend his holidays with us and after labouring for a time acceptably an invitation to become our Pastor for one year was accepted. Accordingly his ordination was proceeded with on the 27th of January by a council of Delegates from the various Baptist Churches of the County, and he assumed the pastoral charge of the Church. The early labours of Elder Burgess were fruitful, and considerable accessions were made to the church. Sixteen were baptized in the spring of 1875, and again in the early part of 1876 as a result of special effort, a harvest season was experienced. Thirty-five were reported in our Letter to the Association that year as the addition by baptism.

Owing to circumstances of an unpleasant nature still fresh in the memory of most of us our pastoral relations with Elder Burgess were terminated early in the summer of '76 before the expiration of his engagement.

At the conference of July 8th, the clerk was instructed to write to our present pastor Rev. A. Cohoon, to visit us with a view to permanent settlement. From some cause our letter to Bro. Cohoon miscarried and as no answer to our communication had come to hand at the August Conference the clerk was instructed to correspond with other ministering brethren. The Rev. Geo. Ballentine and E. Whitman were subsequently written to without success. In the meantime a communication was received from Bro. Cohoon, who had learned indirectly of our having written him, informing us of his being in a position to respond to our invitation, which resulted in his becoming our Pastor, commencing his labors with us on the last Sabbath in September of that year. We have been thus minute in detailing all the circumstances in connection with the settlement of our present Pastor from the conviction we have as we review our history from that period, of the Guiding Hand of the Great Father in the union then formed. By the Pastor's report of his first years labours Oct. 1877, the additions by baptism for the pastoral year were nine. The total membership 327, of this number 65 were reported as being regular attendants at the Conference and 126 as occasional attendants. \$74.05 was collected for denominational work, 37 families only contributing. The following year 1878, eleven were added by baptism, nine received by letter and \$156.77 collected for denominational work,

The Association met with us in 1879. This was an apparently fruitless year one only was baptized. A decrease was reported in the attendance at conference and communions in the amount contributed for denominational work and in the number of families contributing.

In the January Conference 1880, the Pastor spoke of his discouragements, he had laboured with all the faithfulness of which he was capable; the week of prayer had been observed and as no results were apparent and but little interest manifested, he supposed the special meetings would cease, but while the brethren and sisters renewed their obligations, God came with us by His Holy Spirit and a season of refreshing was experienced. Two were received for Church Membership and a genuine work of grace followed. Special meetings were kept up the greater part of the winter. On the 11th of Jan'y two were baptized, on the 25th one, on Feb'y 1st twelve, Feb'y 8th eight, Feb'y 15th three, Feb'y 22nd six, March 7th seventeen, March 14th twelve, March 21st two, in all sixty-four added to the church by baptism, \$168.20 was collected for denominational work this year. There were but three baptisms in 1881, five added by letter and one restored. Collected for Convention fund \$246.00.

During the winter and spring of 1882 we enjoyed a revival season during which fifteen were added to the church by baptism.

The following year 1883 was also rich in spiritual blessing. Twenty two were added by baptism and the church generally strengthened and built up.

The pastors annual report of the work of the church for that year contained the statement that in no year of his pastorate had the prayer meetings been so well sustained, \$373.48 was collected for convention fund, an increase of \$115.06 over the previous year. The removals by death this year were above an average; no less than nine being thus removed, all of whom were from the ranks of the youthful and middle aged, some of them faithful workers.

Fifteen were added by Baptism in 1884. The collections for benevolent objects were a little in excess of the previous year. Ten were baptized in 1885, three added by letter and two restored. Collections for denominational work, \$467.50, \$422.17 of which was for convention fund exceeding any previous year in our history. Though not marked by any special revival it was a year of harmony, we trust of progress. On December 12th of this year a license was granted to G. Percy Raymond.

In the year 1886 nine were baptized and in the year just passing up to the present time eleven.

Our progress under our present pastorate has been continuous and substantial. Our contributions for benevolent objects, mostly for the convention fund have increased from \$75.05 reported the first year to \$505.30 last year. One hundred and seventy have

been baptized, \$9110 raised for pastor's salary and current expenses, \$2300 for repairs and improvements on buildings, \$545.00 for Sabbath School, and for denominational and benevolent work \$3228.25.

We have had ten successive Pastors besides Father Harding, who, with the exception of four years, from 1844 to '48 had other Pastors associated with him as follows:—

|                      |      |      |    |      |
|----------------------|------|------|----|------|
| Rev. A. V. Dimock,   | from | 1838 | to | 1844 |
| " H. Harding, alone, | "    | 1844 | "  | 1848 |
| " Jas. Reid,         | "    | 1848 | "  | 1852 |
| " W. G. Goucher,     | "    | 1853 | "  | 1857 |
| " E. N. Harris,      | "    | 1858 | "  | 1861 |
| " William Burton,    | "    | 1861 | "  | 1862 |
| " R. D. Porter,      | "    | 1862 | "  | 1867 |
| " R. R. Philp,       | "    | 1867 | "  | 1868 |
| " John Rowe,         | "    | 1868 | "  | 1874 |
| " R. D. Burgess,     | "    | 1874 | "  | 1876 |
| " A. Cohoon,         | "    | 1876 | "  | —    |

We have sent out four daughters, viz:—

|                            |        |              |
|----------------------------|--------|--------------|
| Deerfield or Yarmouth 3rd, | May,   | 1843.        |
| Beaver River "             | 4th,   | Feb'y, 1843. |
| Lake George "              | 5th,   | Jan'y, 1849. |
| Ohio "                     | Sept., | 1852.        |

The whole number baptized has been Seven hundred and Ninety-four.

There have gone out from us to preach the gospel Rev. Joseph H. Saunders, Rev. T. A. Blackadar; Rev. Geo. Churchill, Foreign Missionary, and G. Percy Raymond, now a licentiate and student at Acadia. Our present Membership is 393.

For all the mercies of the past and for the good degree of harmony at present existing we have cause for devout thanksgiving to the God who has guided us. We have had our dark days and seasons of trial, but our Father's Hand has brought us through them all and we would accept the past fulfillment of his pledge never to leave nor forsake his people as affording encouragement for future effort, making this our motto—"To expect great things from God, to attempt great things for God."